कमेटी की इस रिकमेंडेशन पर विचार किया है? अगर नहीं किया तो क्या करने वाले हैं और इस पर आपका नजरिया क्या है, यह मैं जानना चाहती हूं?

श्री आर. एल. भाटिया : स्टैंडिंग कमेटी ने काफी सिफारिशें हमको दी हैं। हम उन पर गौर कर रहे हैं।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : यह तो गौर हो कर रहे हैं तो क्या पूछें? कितने दिन तक गौर करेंगे, यह बतला दीजिए।

श्री आर. एल. भाटिया : स्टैंडिंग कमेटी की रिपोर्ट अभी तो आई है। उस पर अमल हो रहा है।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : हम कह रहे हैं कि कितने दिन तक गौर करेंगे?

श्री आर. एल. भाटिया : मैं इतना ही कह सकता हूं कि उस पर गौर हो रहा है और जल्दी से जल्दी हम इसको कर रहे हैं।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : कोई टाईम लिमिट तो बताएं?

श्री आर० एल० भाटिया : फिर आप मुझे गवर्नमेंट में पकड़ेंगे। मैं आपको विश्वास दिला सकता हूं कि यह जो रिकमेंडेशनस हैं बहुत अच्छी रिकमेंडेशंस हैं जो हमारे पास आई हैं। इससे पासपोर्ट इश्यू करने में सुधार होगा। इसलिए हम गौर करके, डिसकस करके उस पर अमल करेंगे।

Setting up of an oil refinery in the east coast

†14. SHRI S. AUSTIN:

SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: †

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state,

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. propose to set up an oil refinery in the east coast;

(b) if so, the capacity of the proposed refinery;

(c) the location of the refinery; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation has in principle approval to set up a 6 MMTPA joint venture refinery in the East coast. During the feasibility study, the refinery was proposed to be located at Daitari. However, exact location of the refinery will be decided based on Detailed Feasibility Report.

(d) Government has accorded an investment approval to IOC for preparation of Detailed Feasibility Report for the project.

SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: The hon. Minister has said that 6 MMTPA refinery is to be set up in the east coast. It is learnt that three crude oil refinery companies of GSA have recently signed a production-sharing contract with the Government of Indian for expedition of Kaveri Basin on the east coast. Therefore, will the Minister clarify whether the joint venture refinery is in collaboration with any multi-national?

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA: Sir, as far as the IOC refinery is concerned, it is one of the three joint venture refineries between the public sector on the one hand and a multi-national or foreign collaborator, on the other. The BPCL and the HPCL have already joined the Oman Oil Corporation to set up tyo refineries. The Government has opted for the time being for the IOC to go on on its own. They are carrying out a feasibility study and they will be selecting a partner. However, negotiations are going on with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation for a joint venture

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Rajan Chellappa

and this joint venture will be 26 per cent Indian Oil. Twenty-six per cent will be foreign companies and the rest to be raised through the public. So this is the formation of the joint venture.

SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Has the proposed refinery been worked out keeping in view the oil exploration in the Kaveri Basin?

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA: Sir, the capacity of a refinery is an economic issue. Whoever sets up a refinery decides of what capacity the refinery shoud be before he sets up the refinery. But the whole issue of setting up a refinery arises because there is a shortage of refining capacity in the country. We are refining around 56 million tonnes per annum. This is what we are refining right now. By the year 2000 we will require 102 million tonnes of refining capacity, That is why we want the refineries to come up in the joint venture. We have also issued LOI's in the private sector so that by the year 2000 we should have our refining capacity here in excess of what we need. On that score I am confident that that is happening.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: That is not the question he asked. In the Kaveri Basin there would be some production of crude. How is that crude going to be refined? Do you have some plan for it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the east coast in the Karaikal region of Pondicherry State two joint venture refineries have been proposed and applications have been submitted to the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Sir, relating to one there was an agreement signed between a multinational company and also an NRI. And in the case of the other the application has not been processed st far. Therefore, I would like to know from the Honourable Minister what the status is of those two projects that have to come up in the Karaikal region. For one, I think the LOI has been given. The other one is in process. What are the details, why are they taking so much time?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Reference Generated from National Highways

*45. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pseased to state:

(a) the total revenue generated from Taxation and other sources on National Highways in the last three years?

(b) the total allocation made out of this for the road sector for Punjab; and

(c) the criteria for allocation for funds in the road sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Hon'ble Member is perhaps referring to the revenues generated on National Highways by way of levying Bridge Fees for which an amount of Rs. 9057 lakhs has been generated during the last three years.

(b) Of this an amount of Rs. 100 lakhs has been allocated to Punjab during the last three years.

(c) Subject to availability of funds, the allocations to various States and the Union Territories, are equal to the fees collected in the respective States